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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that persons who were granted permits satisfied all these considerations and if so, why are they still not able to bring the industries into existence? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSWAMI REDDI :—" When the permits were given all these things were taken into consideration. If they are not able to start the concerns, their licenses are cancelled and new applicants are selected."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know whether those who obtained licenses for spindles before March 1947 have got them and established the mills now? "

THE HON. SRI C. PERUMALSWAMI REDDI :—"A separate question may be put, Sir."

Manufacture and distribution of cart tyres.

* 19 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there is incessant demand for cart tyres by the agriculturists;

(*b*) what arrangements are made to meet the said demand;

(*c*) whether the Central Government have been asked to arrange for the manufacture and supply of the said cart tyres on a large scale;

(*d*) whether the Government are now in a position to accept the offer of the Vijayavada Foundry for the supply of cart tyres;

(*e*) how the distribution of the cart tyres is made and who the distributing authority is;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that some districts and some villages in some districts receive preference at the hands of the officials concerned in the matter of distribution; and

(*g*) whether the Government are aware that there is a great deal of discontent among the poorer ryots that the distribution of the agricultural instruments or implements is not done fairly and equitably?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) A major portion of the Provincial agricultural quota of iron and steel is set apart for cart tyres and all available stocks of cart tyres are acquired by the Agricultural Department and distributed to ryots through the Agricultural Depots in the Province.

" (*c*) The Government of India have been addressed in May 1949 for the supply of 15,000 tons of iron and steel per quarter for agricultural purposes or in the alternative to make a special allotment of 20,000 tons of cart tyres for this Province for the period from 1st April 1949 to 31st March 1950. The matter is still engaging their attention.

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"(d) The offer could not be accepted as the Government of India would not allow the firm to reroll scrap iron and the fixing of higher prices for the rerolled flats.

"(e) The distribution of cart tyres is at present made at the Agricultural Depots by the Agricultural Demonstrators on the recommendations of the village munsifs or the officers of the Revenue Department not lower in rank than a Revenue Inspector. In cases where applications are received direct by the Agricultural Demonstrators, without such recommendation, the Demonstrators inspect the carts and issue cart tyres to ryots. The distributing authority for cart tyres is the Agricultural Demonstrator of the taluk.

"(f) The answer is in the negative. The available quota is equitably distributed to the various districts. The indents for the quotas although prepared on a rational basis are not complied with in full by the Government of India and the stockists do not generally get all the categories planned for. In some districts more cart tyre materials are received sometimes than in others. No preference is given to any district or village.

"(g) The discontent referred to is not due to unequal or unfair distribution but due to the limited supplies against overwhelming demands."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Director or the Joint Director of Agriculture interferes in the distribution of these iron materials? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Normally he does not interfere unless some defects are brought to his notice."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether he recommends supply of these materials to certain persons although the distributing authority is the agricultural officer of the district? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I have just now said that unless specific cases of mismanagement are brought to his notice, he generally does not interfere."

SRI N. VENKATACHALAMAJI :—" May I know whether some of the merchants have been importing from Bengal to Madras by rail? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government have no information, Sir."

SRI N. VENKATACHALAMAJI :—" Is there any control of these things in Bengal, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that a person got 150 cart tyres in West Godavari? "

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government have no information."

SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU :—" Did not a member of this House Sri M. Narayana Rao write about this to the Government and are not the Government aware of it? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I will look into the matter, Sir."

SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU :—" At first 150 cart tyres were sanctioned to one Narahara Setti Veeraraghavulu. My hon. Friend Mr. M. Narayana Rao protested to the Government about this. In spite of his protest a further consignment of 75 cart tyres has been granted to him. They are now in the office of the District Agricultural Officer for delivery. I do not know what the Government are going to do about this."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It is a piece of information."

SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU :—" Are not the Government aware of these things and what has become of the protest of Mr. Mothey Narayana Rao? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I should like the hon. Member to make it clear whether these tyres are for Narahara Setti himself or for being handed over to various other people."

SRI M. NARAYANA RAO :—" I can give the information, Sir. One Narahara Setti Veeraraghavulu somehow or other managed to get 150 cart tyres under the names of different persons. I protested against it. He was not dealing in the matter honestly. I protested to the Agricultural Officer of the district and he withheld the supply for some time. Thereupon this Narahara Setti Veeraraghavulu came to me and said, 'I have spent about Rupees 4,000 to get this supply. I went to Madras three times. I engaged a lawyer. I have got these 150 cart tyres with great difficulty. It is not proper for you now to stand in the way.' But still I wrote to the Government about this. I learnt just before I started for Madras, that another consignment of 75 tyres were to be given to him for distribution to the various ryots. I know definitely that they do not reach the persons for whom they are intended."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" My hon. Friend says that they were intended for distribution to so many persons and not to one particular individual. If he puts a separate question about it, I will look into the matter."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I ask whether the Government have no machinery to collect information on matters like this? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Only when hon. Members want any information, the Government will collect information, and that too whenever it is possible."